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PRESIDENT GIVES NO INTIMATION OF NATURE OF REPLY

May Be Largely Guided by **Opinion of Supreme** War Council.

OFFICIAL TEXT OF GERMAN

Will Be Delivered to Secretary Lansing This Morning by Swiss Charge.

SLIGHT CHANGE IN VERBIAGE

Believed Careful Translation Will Clear Up Obscure Points in Wireless Version.

WASHINGTON, October 22 .- The prevailing belief here to-night is that any action President Wilson may take as a esult of the new German note will await, and largely be guided by, a de-

ome from the President, because, ad-

applied to for terms, or whether without further diplomatic parley the approach of a white flag from the German lines shall be awaited.

The official text of the German note
reached the Swiss legation here by
cable early to-day, but it was not delivered at the State Department because the entire day was spent at the
legation on the tedious task of decoding the document and preparing an
English translation of the German text.
The translation was made with the The translation was made with the creaest care by Frederick Oederlin he Swiss charge, because there are ob-cure phrases in the unoficial version ecceived yesterday by wireless, which hay be cleared up by a more accurate audeling of the German. When the harge's work was done Secretary Lan-ing had jeft his office, and an engage-ent was made for delivery of the note t 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. RESIDENT IN NO WHAN

The usual Tuesday Cabinet meeting was in session all afternoon, and it was assumed that the German note occupied its attention. No member of the official family would discuss whether he was taken into the President's con-

Those in official, diplomatic and congressional circles who do not pretend to have heard anything from the White House on the subject, are confidently asserting opinions that the Cermans will draw an answer from the President, or that they will not. One group, recalling that the President's reply to the request for an armistice and peace negotiations, was characterized by him as a "decision," contends that this meant no further discussion of the issues involved would be tolerated. sues involved would be tolerated. other view, held very generally in of-nicial circles, is that a reply is desirable from every standpoint; that it will be forthcoming after full consideration, and that it will deal chiefly with the and that it will deal chiefly with the immediate military problems, leaving aside for the future such things as the German denials of cruelties and ruthless destruction, and doubts as to the genuineness of the self-proclaimed democratic regime at Berlin.

BUT ONE QUESTION NOW:

ARE THE GERMANS WHIPPED! Whatever form any further diplo-matic exchanges may take, one official pointed out to-night, after all, there is but one question: "Are the Germans whipped?" If they are whipped and which Germany nust submit unconditionally. He proposed the following principal conditions 1. Complete restoration of Belgium.

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nower dare to let the truth sink home
upon the German public. Some diplomatic reports support the theory that
they are restrained from revealing the
real situation abruptly and taking
neace at any price only from fear of
more than a political revolution. Notes
expreaching gradually a final capitulation serve to give the German public
the news in broken doses, and at the
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of finding a loonhole in American and
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a malignant foe lurking at the gales."
5. Restoration and indemnification of
Serbia, Montenegro and Roumania.
With regard to Austria-Hungary,
Viscount Northcliffe said that Fresigovernment points the way.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE

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FORT SMITH, ARK, October 22.—At
least three lives are believed to have
been lost, a score of persons were hurt
and property damage aggregating
\$500,000 was done this afternoon as the
result of the explosion of a tank of
result of the explosion of a tank of trails out of the war, though the forces excling within their borders have a first more to do before surrender

comes. Servetor Lodge, Republican leader and making minority member of the statement during the day deducing the statement during the day deducing the German note as another poorly laid trap, and reiterating his onlinion that only one demand should be made by the President—"unconditional surren-

NO TRAP WILL SUCCEED

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IS OPINION EVERYWHERE
The belief that no trap will succeed
was reiterated everywhere. Almost the
one thing stated and repeated on authority is that there will be no relaxation of the great forward movement of
the allied and American armies, nor
any abstention from attack upon the (Continued on Fifth Page.)

Fine Lynnhaven and Cherrystone oys-ters. HOTEL RUEGER.—Adv.

How Burglar Simmonds Won Glory and His V. C.

Stories are numerous of how men have left lives of crime to take up arms for their country, many of them serving with the greatest devotion and bravery and not a few rendering the supreme sacrifice.
Eaton Fearn, in this morning's Times-Dispatch, tells a most interesting story of how Bill Simmonds, a "crack burglar" of London, went to war and won the coveted Victoria Cross. His same was frequently mentioned in the dispatches, and he finally came home minus a limb and settled down to a life of respectability.

NOTE REACHES WASHINGTON NEARLY ALL ON BOARD TICONDEROGA WERE LOST

Official List of Dead Given Out Numbers 213, Including Ninety-

Nine Enlisted Men.

Known Survivors Number Eight Members of Crew and Fourteen Soldiers-Many From Ohio, North and South Carolina Lose Lives,

[By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, October 22.—Two officers and ninety-nine enlisted men of ision of the supreme war council in the army lost their lives in the sinking of the American steamer Ticonder-Shrewd diplomatic observers and oga in the war zone September 30. This some officials take this view, though announcement to-day by the War Deno intimation of his own attitude has partment brought the total loss of life to 213, the navy having previously re-

come from the President, because, admittedly, the one question immediately at issue is a military problem—that of the evacuation of invaded territory by the German armies as the only condition upon which the plea for an armistice even will be given consideration. The Germans now are evacuating fielgium and Northern France as rapidly as they can move before the sweep of the allied and American soldiers and still maintain their organization. Since the government at Eerlin says they want to get out without further fighting, apparently, the issue is one for the allied war council to determine—whether it shall be suggested through President Wilson that General Foch be applied to for terms, or whether without further diplomatic parley the approach of a white flag from the German nines shall be awalted.

The official text of the German note

VICTORY WITHIN REACH. DECLARES KING GEORGE

Addresses Delegates From Britain France, Italy and Belgium at Buck-ingham Palace Meet.

LONDON. October 22.—"Victory is within reach, and we are all agreed that it must be a complete victory." In these words, King George yesterday addressed at Buckingham Palace the deputation of interparliamentary delegates, including delegates from Britain, France, Italy and Belgium. The King spoke in French. He continued in part:

This incident in itself was pointed to ater as evidence that exchanges between London, Paris and Washington ave been proceeding since the arrival fit wireless version, and that pending word from the war council of what he military situation demands, the military situation of the provinces and Deputies of Italy on the prospect which opens before you of recovering. The provinces and Deputies of Italy on the prospect which opens before you of recovering. The provinces and Deputies of Italy on the prospect which opens before you of recovering. The provinces and Deputies of Italy on the prospect which opens before you of recovering. The provinces and Deputies of France, on the approaching restoration of the provinces torn from you forty-seven years ago. Many a war was waged in former centuries between our two nations. But there was always on both sides a spirit of chival and the provinces of the provinces and Deputies of Italy on the prospect which opens before you of recovering.

WASHINGTON. October 22.—With the appearance here to-day of Gaston by Many and the provinces and Deputies of Italy on the prospect which opens before you of recovering the provinces and Deputies of Italy on the prospect which opens before you of recovering the provinces and Deputies of Italy on the prospect which opens and Deputies of Italy on the prospect. tated, has had terrible suffering to un-dergo, but the day of your deliverance

is at hand. RAILROAD EMPLOYEES BUY MANY FOURTH LIBERTIES

Reports Tabulated Tuesday Indicate They Purchased \$164,992,150 of Issue.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, October 22.—Employees of railroads under Federal control subscribed not less than \$164.
992,150 to the fourth Liberty loan. This total, according to incomplete reports received to-day by the railroad administration, was distributed among

result of the explosion of a tank of ammonia, followed by fire, in the four-story building of the Fort Smith Com-

ROUMANIA AGITATED

ent Demonstrations Result Wrecking Plant of Government Newspaper.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, October 22.—Violent demonstrations have occurred in Jassy, the temporary capital of Roumania, according to advices received here. A mobboke into the offices of the Issilor Gazette, the government official organ, and the printing plant was demolished.

Noted Actor Influenza Victim.

NEW YORK, October 22.—Julian Estrang, a widely known actor, who had been member of the cast of "An Ideal Husband," playing at a local the-ater, died to-day of pheumonia, following an attack of influenza.

The marked confidence that readers have in The Times-Dispatch make it a spiendid medium for all kinds of advertising most tising. Send your merchandising most is all nourishment; benefits both most grant the sage into the best homes seven days a week through its advertising columns.

Adv.

TRADE COMMISSION WILL GET REVENUE HAIG FORCES MARCH MAKES COMPLAINT

Tobacco Products Corporation.

Auxiliaries, Cited to Ap-

pear December 7.

WASHINGTON, October 22. -Five tobacco corporations and a number of their officers and directors were charged in a formal complaint to-day by the Federal Trade Commission with price discrimination in the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products, tending to create a monopoly, unfair
methods of competition, and the maintenance of interlocking directorates
and illegal concentration of control of
producing companies.

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Those named are the Tobacco Products Corporation, of Richmond, Va.; the Melachrine Tobacco Trading Company, New York; Schinasi Brothers, Incorporated, New York; the Prudential Tobacco Company, of Virginia and George L. Storm, Ruben M. Ellis, Aibert Falk, Jacob L. Hoffman, James M. Dixon. Gray Miller, L. B. McKitteriek and Leon Shinasi. The defendants were ordered to appear before the commission in Washington on December 7 to show cause why the corporations should not be required to dispose of stock uniawfully held in other companies in alleged violation of the Clayton Law.

The Tobacco Products Corporation, the complaint alleges, during 1916, and appear before the four other concerns, which "substantially lessens competition and tends to create a monopoly," And also controls the Khedivial Company, of New York: the Standard Tobacco Company, Incorporated, and Stephano Brothers. Incorporated, and Stephano Brothers. Incorporated, both of Virginia: the Nestor Glanadis Company, of Maine, and the Surbrug Company, of New York: the Standard Tobacco Company, Incorporated, and Stephano Brothers. Incorporated, both of Virginia: the Nestor Glanadis Company, of New York: the Standard Tobacco Company, Incorporated, and Stephano Brothers. Incorporated, both of Virginia: the Nestor Glanadis Company, of New York: the Standard Tobacco Company, of New York: the Standard Tobacco Company, Incorporated, and Stephano Brothers. Incorporated, both of Virginia: the Nestor Glanadis Company, of New York: the Standard Tobacco Company, Incorporated, and the Surbrug Company, of New York: the Standard Tobacco Products, concealing the Company of Maine, and the Surbrug Company, of New York: the Standard Tobacco Company, Incorporated, and the Surbrug Company, of New York: the Standard Tobacco Company, Incorporated, and the Surbrug Company, of New York: the Standard Tobacco Company, Incorporated, and the Surbrug Company of Maine, and the Surbrug Company of Maine, and the Surbrug Company of New Jork: The Company of Maine, and the Surbrug Company of

commissions and rebates to dealers which advertised products of compentition and to those who agreed not to advertise the products of compentitions and to those who agreed not to advertise the products of compentitive companies. The corporation, it is charged, for the last six months, has paid the Louis J. Liggett Company owner of about 700 retail chain stores, monthly commissions equaling 5 per cent of per cent of the income in excess of 20 per cent of the invested capital.

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The combination of these two systems of rates which the Senate committee adopted is as follows:

Section 301—That the tax shall be the sum of the amounts computed under the following brackets.

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official and unofficial texts. There also were reports that any action might wait upon a diplomatic conference, about to convene in one of the allied capitals, but these found no official confirmation.

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ministration, was distributed amons 1,642,694 persons.
Subscriptions thus far reported by the Southern operating region total \$15-116,550.
Officers, employees and enlisted men attached to the War Department in Washington subscribed \$14,341,400.

NORTHCLIFFE'S PEACE TERMS
Viscount Urges General Agreement Between Allies and Americans Upon List of Demands.
LONDON, October 22.—Viscount Northcliffe to-day urged a general agreement between all allies and American upon a list of irreducible terms to which Germany must submit unconditionally. He proposed the following principal conditions.

RED CROSS SENDS AID

relief of the population of the outlying parts of the Archangel district, ported to be facing starvation, the Red Cross mission, which reached Northern Russia a few weeks ago, has sent a shipload of food, medicines and other supplies, a cablegram received at head-quarters here to-day said. Crops which were expected to alleviate conditions were cut short by an early frost, and seurcy has broken out. scurvy has broken out.

The Russian mission, the cablegram stated, is preparing to send relief to other parts of the Archangel district where there are food shortages.

TWO FLYERS KILLED

Students Meet Death During Evolutions at Curtiss Field, in Florida.

MIAMI, FLA., October 22.—Percy M. ment:

"It has proven successful in a large "It has proven successful in a large of cases, and consists of rather Gering, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and M. L. Lope, of Merebosen, Ill. student offi-

Alleges Unfair Methods Used by Senate Finance Committee Rewrites the Rates in Revenue Bill.

ACTS TEND TO MONOPOLY NEW SURTAXES ARE ASSESSED

Richmond Concern, With Alleged Incomes Over \$1,000,000 a Year Will Pay Higher

> WASHINGTON, October 22.—The war profits and excess profits section of the revenue bill was entirely rewritten by the Senate Finance Committee to-day. ew rates, which may yield slightly as income, but which are calculated reach more of the strictly war prof-

of total purchases for the entire year 1913 over those of 1917, up to an increase of 50 per cent.

ASK CONGRESS BEGIN

PROBE IN MEANS CASE

Attorneys Bring Documents Which They Claim Will Disclose Deepland Plot to Get \$9,000,000.

WASHINGTON. October 22.—With the appearance here to-day of Gaston B. Means and his attorney, Fred J. Coxe, of Wadesboro, N. C., together with J. F. Newell, of Charlotte, N. C., together with J. T. N

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3. Return of Alsace-Lorraine to rance.

4. A readjustment of the Itale-Aus-lian frontier, "such as will as

INSANITY, SAYS DIRECTOR

Dr. Henry A. Cotton Announces Re-sults of Experiments Conducted for Eleven Years.

TRENTON, N. J., October 22.—Insanity is frequently caused by infected teeth whose extraction in most cases effects a permanent cure, it was today declared by Dr. Henry A. Cotton, medical director of the New Jersey State Hospital for the Insane, who has been experimenting eleven yerls with a success which, he said, proves the solid ground upon which his theory rests. Inmates of the hospital for nine vears have been cured, he declared, by the extraction of infected teeth, removing their tonsils and, where possible, clearing up the gastro-intestinal tract. In a report rendered to-day to the State commissioner of charities, Dr. Cotton said in part regarding the treatment.

Gering, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and M. L. Hope, of Merebosen, Ill., student officers of the marine corps, were killed in an airplane accident here this afternoon. Their machine crashed to earth during evolutions at Curtiss Field, killing both young flyers almost instantly.

Award More Contracts.

WASHINGTON. October 22.—Contracts were awarded to-day by the railroad administration for six towing steamers and forty steel barges, for use on the Mississippi and Black Warrior Rivers.

Dr. Leo Petersen Dead.

NEW YORK, October 22.—Dr. Leo Chi Zeta Chi Medical Fraternity, died here to-day of pneumonia following influenza.

American Military Men Expect New Storm Attack When Enemy Reaches New Line

NAVY DEPARTMENT ASKS !NFLUENZA SITUATION

PLAN THREE-YEAR PROGRAM DEATHS IN CAMPS NUMBER 15,497

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, October 22.—Now that the Germans have been cleared out of Belgian Flanders and much of Northern France, army officials here are watching the battle front intentity, many of them with a distinct feeling that a new storm of attack may be about to break against the enemy. There was nothing to-night to indicate that this expectance was founded upon definite information and it probably grows out of a number of happenings of a minor character in themselves, but possibly important links in a chain of events soon to be disclosed.

Beyond doubt the German retirement in Belgium has slowed down. However, it is not yet clear whether this is due to the fact that the retreating forces are nearing on the whole northern front, the line which frequently has been selected by military critics as the first pausing place on the way to the Meuse or the border, or to the necessities of extending allied communication lines as the troops advance. It is probable, officers said, that there is necessity for a breathing spell on both sides.

There is still doubt here that the German army is headed for nothing short of the Meuse line and that any pause, will be but temporary to permit rendjustment of the columns and samply lines in order that the same orderly sequence of movement shall characterize subsequent retirements. Several halts of this character may be expected, it was said, as the withdrawal project is carried out. The fact that the allied armics are hampered by extending communication lines gives opportunity for such

TEN SUPER-DREADNOUGHTS

Vessels, at Cost * \$600,-

000,000.

Including This Request, Secretary

nitely a further expenditure of \$13,000,000 upon government projects in that section. So disturbed is the government over the situation and over the fact that there are thousands of men in Tidewater still engaged in nonessential work, that General Marshail, with a group of officers, left for Norfolk tonight, at Senator Martin's suggestion to hold conferences with leading officials in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News. Before leaving, General Marshall declared that 7,000 additional men were urgently needed to complete the work in hand, and unless the labor can be secured, intimated that the gov-

can be secured, intimated that the gov-ernment might be compelled to abau-don some of the plans now adopted.

PRESIDENT WILSON AWARDS

MANY SERVICE MEDALS

\$972,090,000.

Daniels Places Total Estimates of

Ship Construction for This Year at

halts before Marshal Foch's forces can come up in sufficient force to compel a resumption of the rearward

can come up in sufficient force to compel a resumption of the rearward movement.

The line surrendered by the enemy from Lille northward to the coast, it was pointed out, was far stronger and no longer than that he now stands upon in Belgium. In addition by the evacuation of the Flanders coast, he has furnished the allies with means of setting up new and with means of setting up new and more direct communication lines from England vin Ostend, Zeebrugge or other Flanders ports. Without question, it is seed, these avenues of supplying the advancing armics already are being opened to free the longer lines buck into France of that burden and consequently officers cannot see any factical advantage gained by the enemy unless he intends to fall buck at least to the line of the Meuse.

The tirst stage of the great retreat is almost complete. The Germann right fank has been swung back like a gate all the way from Soleamen, south of Valenciennes, to the Dutch border. South of the pivot, however, there has been little change on the front from the Olac to the Meuse. It has been noted that heavy concentration of forces was made by the Germans on the Le Cateau-Oise-Serre front and also against the American pressure northwest of Verdun. Without question the retention of these lines unbroken was vital to the German pina of action. Now that the withdrawni in the north has progressed no surprise here if a retirement between the Olse and the Serre were undertaken without delay, to rectify the whole line.

case Did Not Prove as Se-

rious as in East.

Army Medical Officers Claim Malady

Fifty New Cases Daily.

Is Epidemic in Only Five Camps,

the Others Reporting Less Than

(By Associated Press, 1 WASHINGTON, October 22.—Inc.

provement in the influenza situation over the country was indicated by reports received to-day by the Public Health Service, but in many places the epidemic apparently has yet to reach

MAKE DEEP THRUST INTO ENEMY'S LINES IN RAISMES WOODS

Stiffening of Front of German Rear Guard Slows Up Allies.

BRITISH TAKE POSSESSION OF HOLLAIN AND BRUYELLES

Prussians Driven Out of Village of Froyenne, Near the Scheldt.

FRENCH TAKE TWO TOWNS

Feutons Shelling Americans With Mustard-Gas Shells, and Aviators Raid Another Hospital.

The fall of Valenciennes to Field Marshal Haig's forces is imminent. Despite the desperate resistance of the Germans the British have entered the city on the west, while to the north they have made a deep thrust into the great Raismes forest, and are moving in the direction of Conde, near the angle of the Scheldt. Valenciennes had been in uninter

upted French possession from 1677 until the onrush of the Germans early in the present war led them many miles into France. It is now about to be added to the rapidly growing Six Battle Cruisers and 140 Smaller In Far West and on Pacific Coast Dislist of towns, the redemption of which has brought rejoicing to the French

list of towns, the redemption of which has brought rejoicing to the French people.

Valenciennes, the great rail base, is cighteen miles east of Doual, and the same distance northwest of the French fortress of Maubeuge. Its penetration seals the doom of the southern part, at least, of the German stop-gap line behind the Scheidt River, according to military opinion.

Complete capture of the city was said late last night to be a question of hours, and a crossing in force of the Scheidt will be the immediate consequence. The Germans then must fall back upon the Mons-Maubeuge Sector, and there the last round of Armageddon will begin in earnest.

Although the progress of the allies forces in Belgian and French Flanders has slowed up somewhat in the face of the stiffening of the lines of rear guardy aiding the retreat of the German armies, appreciable gains have been made, some of them of much importance.

Hollain and Bruyelles, on the Scheldt, south of Tournal, are now in the hands of the British, and north of Tournathe village of Froyenne has been cleared of the enemy, who is withdrawing toward the Scheldt. There has been sharp fighting for the errowings.

Its crest. In the Far West and on the Pacific Coast the situation has not proved nearly as serious as it did in the East and South.

Continued abatement of the epidemic in army camps was reported to-day to the office of the surgeon-general of the army. New cases during the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-day in army camps was reported to-day to the office of the surgeon-general of the army. New cases during the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-day totaled 2.773, against 3.007 the day totaled 2.773, against and the cases of the number of pneumonia cases.

Army medical officers said influenza may now be said to be epidemic in only five camps, the others reporting less than fifty new cases each daily. The total cases since the disease became epidemic number 292,770, with 15,497 deaths. cleared of the enemy, who is withdraw-ing toward the Scheldt. There has been sharp fighting for the crossings of this waterway at Pont-a-Chin; the Germans are battling hard to keep the allies from outflanking Tournal on of this waterway at Pont-a-Chin; the Germans are battling hard to keep the allies from outflanking Tournai on the north.

Behind the Scheldt the Germans are massed in strength; their machine guns on the east bank are active and are receiving the support of artillery and itrench mertars.

In the northern battle area, the Belgians have reached the Lys Canai, along their entire front, and have captured a bridgehead with numbers of the enemy west of Meerendre.

An item of great interest appears in the latest announcement by the French War Office concerning operations along the Aisne. It says: "The Czecho-Siovaks with us retook the village of Terron."

The French are still moving actively to the north of Laon and have now completed the occupation of Chalandry and Grandlup. To the southwest of Ghent they are firmly established on the east bank of the Lys River, having made crossings at several points, against which the enemy resisted with determination.

Around Le Cateau, where Americans are fighting with the British Fourth Army, activity has diminished greatly. The same is true of the American sector northwest of Verdun, where the chief activity of the enemy has been the shelling of the American lines with mustard and other gas shells and an air raid, which came near to achieving the destruction of an American base hospital.

Winter, unusually late this year, has

deaths.

In the East and South, generally, conditions among the civilian population are rapidly improving, according to reports to the l'ublic Health Service. In the Middle West and in the States bordering the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, abatement of the disease also has been noted, although many new cases still are being reported daily, in California, 32,009 cases had been reported up to yesterday. Oregon and Washington also report new cases and some deaths.

The same is true of the American Sedical Trans.

ATLANTA, GA. October 22, What the South can Cotober 22, What the South can be seen and the necessity of tafter the war and the necessity of tafter the war and the necessity of the consumption of foreign goods in this section so that vessels may not have to the consumption of foreign goods in this section so that vessels may not have to the termination of foreign goods in this section so that vessels may not have to depend the section of the foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Cotton goods cottonseed products, naval stores and lumber were cited by Mr. Eldridge as some of the principal exports. Europe, he said, would have to depend largely on the South for lumber to rebuild its cities, and all the work of the principal exports. Europe, he said, would have to depend largely on the South for lumber to rebuild its cities, and all the work of the principal exports. Europe, he said, would have to depend largely on the South for lumber to rebuild its cities, and all the work of the principal exports. Europe, he said, would have to depend largely on the Southern busing the destruction of an American base he destruction of the feront in Northern Russia, and a prolonged full is looked for in that territory.

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(By Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY

NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, October 22

The clear weather early this morning permitted of some aerial work, and the Americans downed a Hanover biplane at Bayonville, a Rumpier at Buzañey and a balloon in the vicinity of Tailly.

Aside from the normal harassing artillery fire of the enemy on the front lines and the rear areas and similar activity on the part of the Americans, the day passed without incident. There was no infantry action of importance, and the line remains as it was fast night.

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In retaliation for the destruction wrought by American bombing planes within the enemy's lines recently. German aviators lant night reided the American front and back areas in the largest force since the American front and back areas in the largest force since the American are largest force since the American front and back areas in the largest force since the American force in the largest force since the American force in the largest force since the Meuse and in the

SOUTH'S TRADE EXPANSION IS THEME OF CONFERENCE

Gathering at Atlanta Discusses Methods for Building Up Foreign Trade.

(By Associated Press.)

the allies and to express to them the high regard of the people of the United States and of the American army for the distinguished and patriotic service they have rendered in the common states District Court, on a charge of conspiracy.

Captain Aubrey Vaughan, of the quartermaster reserve corps, who pleaded guilty of participation in the conspiracy, was sentenced to two years imprisonment. Gouled appealed and was released under \$25,000 bail. cause.

General Tasker H. Bliss, former chief of staff, and now assigned to the interallied war council, will represent the President in presenting the medal to General Pershing.

SIGNS FIRST CONTRACT

Ruilroad Administration Fixes Annual Rental for Chicago and Northwestern.

WASHINGTON, October 22.—Director-General McAdoo, to-day signed the first contracts to be entered into between the railroad administration and railroads under government control, fixing the amount of annual rental and other details.

The first contract executed was with the Chicago and Northwestern and its subsidiary companies, calling for a tosulannual rental of \$23,364,028.

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May Bring Definite Certainty.

[By Associated Press.]

COPENHAGEN. October 22.—"Presiman note may, perhaps, bring definite certainty as to the result of the negotiations." Prince Maximilian, the imperial German Chancellor, said to-day, according to a dispatch received here from Berlin. "Till then we must prepare to resist a peace of violence."

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